MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work has been ordered to lie over due to prohibitive cost.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why the work has been ordered to lie over at present?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The cost of the work has been estimated to be Rs. 50,000 and it is not possible to find the required funds this year.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the nature of the work proposed by the department?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The work consists in the clearing of the bed of the Thodu, the construction on both sides of masonry parapet walls covering the same with R. C. slabs etc.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the cost of constructing parapet walls on both sides?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About 10,000 rupees.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government would be pleased to sanction this amount for the construction of the parapet walls?

PRESIDENT: That is a matter for future action.

Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Shashtiabdapoorthy Memorial Ward, Quilon.

72. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date of opening of the Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Shashtiabdapoorthy Memorial Ward of the Quilon District Hospital;

(*b*) whether the said ward is being used for the purpose of its dedication; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason why?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) The building was handed over to Government on the 14th Makarom 1116.

(*b*) The building has not yet begun to be used as a Ward.

(*c*) Certain structural alterations are required. Sanitary arrangements have to be provided and kitchens have also to be built.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any arrangements have been made to complete the works mentioned in part (*c*) of the answer?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir. Estimates are ready and they will be sanctioned very soon.

Service rendered by the Transport Department to the Anchal Department.

73. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether any service is rendered by the State Transport Department to the Anchal Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature and extent of such service; and

(*c*) the amount paid by the Anchal Department for such service?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Anchal Mails are carried in the Transport buses between all places connected by Transport Service, excepting the Section between Trivandrum to Quilon and Quilon to Kottarakara where mails are carried by rail.

(*c*) Mails are carried free of charge; but payment is made for the actual additional mileage operated to Anchal Offices situated away from the normal bus route. This payment comes to Bh. Rs. 2,327 per annum.

(Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai and Mr. N. Narayana Kurup rose).

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Generally speaking the rules are to the effect that the person who puts the original question should have the first right to put supplementary questions. So, the honourable member should kindly allow the gentleman who has put the original question to have his say first.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is any reason why no charge is given by the Anchal Department to the Transport Department for services rendered:

MR. E. G. SALTER: Government decided, having regard to the fact that before the operation of the Transport Department such services had been rendered not only free of charge but subject to some payment for the privilege by independent operators, that they would not add to the expenses of the Anchal Department by making it pay for similar services rendered by the Transport Department.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any resolution or decision has been arrived at by the Transport Advisory Committee in regard to this matter.

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the nature of the resolution?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The Transport Advisory Committee have recommended that the Anchal Department should pay the Transport Department for all services rendered.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether that resolution has been submitted to Government for final orders?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Final orders have not yet been communicated

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether this service has not been done by private agencies before?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have already stated that,

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether they were not given remuneration by the Anchal Department for those services?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have already stated that too.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: What was the remuneration given by the Anchal Department to these private owners?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The Transport Department has no information.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether, when the Anchal buses go away from the normal bus route, they take passengers?

MR. E. G. SALTER: If a passenger is already in the bus he is taken but passengers are not picked up on the diverted service.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: കമ്മേർഷ്യൽ ലൈനിൽ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അഞ്ചൽ ഫ്രീയായിട്ട കൊണ്ടുപോയാൽ അതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു നഷ്ടമല്ലേ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the Anchal buses are so heavily loaded with mails that there is scarcely any space for passengers?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I think the honourable member has exaggerated it to some extent but it is true that when the Government Gazette is being circulated, heavy loads have to be carried.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know why private motor owners paid the Anchal Department money?

MR. E. G. SALTER: That is a question, Sir, which causes the utmost interest to me. I have not the remotest idea why they did so.

PRESIDENT: I take it that it is not unconnected with prestige.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I take it that it is because the private owners wanted to get license somehow or other.

MR. E. G. SALTER: That seems to be the logical conclusion.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: In that case will Government decide to make the Anchal Department pay the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is a matter which is again receving the consideration of Government having regard for the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Committee.

Passes for the export of timber.

74 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether export passes are necessary for the export of timber from the State;

(*b*) who is authorised to issue the export passes;

(*c*) whether he is a touring officer;

(*d*) whether anybody else is authorised to issue export passes during his absence from head quarters; and

(*e*) whether any inconvenience is caused to the exporters of timber due to the present system of issuing export passes?

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